

HOUSE RESOLUTION 382  
By Brooks (Knox)

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Jacob Gregory Pratt,  
2004 Valedictorian of Carter High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Jacob Pratt is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2004 graduating class at Carter High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Pratt has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Pratt has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pratt has earned numerous accolades for his academic achievements, including such honors as selection for *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, National Honor Roll, and American Legion Boys' State; receipt of the Student of the Month award, academic awards in World Geography, Biology, Choral Music, Diversified Technology, Speech, Advanced Algebra/Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, Spanish I, and Mu Alpha Theta, and 1st Place in the Pre-Calculus Division at the Carson-Newman College Math Competition; and nominations for Tennessee Ambassadors of Music, National Youth Leadership Forum on Defense, Intelligence, and Diplomacy, Congressional Student Leadership Conference, and the National Society of High School Scholars; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of his school, Mr. Pratt has held membership in the Advanced Choir, Choral Ensemble, Carter High Upper Class Mentors, Key Club, Mu Alpha Theta, which he served as Social Chairman and Treasurer, National Honor Society, which he served as President, Scholars Bowl, Spanish Club, and Student Government Association; and

WHEREAS, a public-minded citizen of the highest order, Mr. Pratt has been an active participant in the Angel Tree Program, Community Choir Concerts, Fantasy of Trees, food drives, math tutoring, Santa Mouse Program, Second Harvest Food Bank, and Terrific Tuesday; he has also served as a Graduation Usher; and

WHEREAS, possessing a strong work ethic, Mr. Pratt has been a highly respected employee of Jones, Meadows, and Wall PLLC and Chick-Fil-A and has participated in the Knox County Internship Program; and

WHEREAS, the intellectual aptitude and ambition Mr. Pratt displays surely bode well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pratt's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, David and Jackie Pratt, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pratt's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and honor 2004 Carter High School Valedictorian, Jacob Gregory Pratt, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.